

State of South Dakota

SEVENTY-EIGHTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2003

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1015

Introduced by: Representatives Michels, Adelstein, Bartling, Bradford, Buckingham, Burg, Christensen, Cradduck, Cutler, Davis, Deadrick (Thomas), Dykstra, Frost, Garnos, Gassman, Gillespie, Glenski, Hackl, Hanson, Hargens, Haverly, Hennies, Hundstad, Hunhoff, Klaudt, Koistinen, Kraus, Kroger, Lange, Lintz, Madsen, McCaulley, McCoy, McLaughlin, Miles, Murschel, Nesselhuf, Novstrup, O'Brien, Olson (Mel), Olson (Ryan), Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Peterson (Jim), Rave, Rhoden, Schafer, Sebert, Sigdestad, Solum, Teupel, Thompson, Valandra, Weems, Wick, and Williamson and Senators Brown, Abdallah, Dempster, Duniphan, Earley, Ham, Kleven, Koetzle, Kooistra, McCracken, Moore, Nachtigal, Olson (Ed), Reedy, Sutton (Dan), Sutton (Duane), Symens, and Vitter

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Supporting the participation of Taiwan in the World Health
2 Assembly summit.

3 WHEREAS, good health is important to every citizen of the world and access to the highest
4 standards of health information and services is necessary to improve public health; and

5 WHEREAS, direct and unobstructed participation in international health cooperation forums
6 and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world, especially with today's greater potential for
7 the cross-border spread of various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus,
8 tuberculosis, and malaria; and

9 WHEREAS, Taiwan's population of 23,500,000 people is larger than that of three-fourths
10 of the member states already in the World Health Organization; and

11 WHEREAS, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial, including one of the



1 highest life expectancy levels in Asia; maternal and infant mortality rates comparable to those of
2 western countries; the eradication of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox, the plague,
3 and polio; and providing hepatitis B vaccinations to children; and

4 WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and its Taiwan
5 counterpart agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a wide range of public health issues;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, in recent years, Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist financially and
8 technically in international aid and health activities supported by the World Health Organization;
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10 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has allowed observers to participate in the
11 activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation Organization in 1974 and the
12 Order of Malta and the Holy See in the early 1950s; and

13 WHEREAS, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared its intention to
14 support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international organizations:

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
16 eighth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that, in light of
17 all the benefits that Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization can bring to the state
18 of health not only in Taiwan, but also regionally and globally, we, the members of the Seventy-
19 eighth Session of the South Dakota State Legislature, endorse observer status for Taiwan at the
20 annual summit of the World Health Assembly in May 2003, in Geneva, Switzerland; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to President George
22 W. Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy
23 Thompson, U.S. Senator Tom Daschle, U.S. Senator Tim Johnson, U.S. Congressman William
24 Janklow, and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Kansas City, Missouri.